

do this work. Like many staffers who come to this great building, they seek to one day become Members of Congress, and I became one of those.

I was legislative counsel to the late Congressman Leo Ryan, who was assassinated in Jonestown, Guyana, trying to extract constituents who had been held there against their will by a cult leader name Jim Jones.

I am proud that, along with Congresswoman Gabby Giffords' name, Congressman Leo Ryan's name now appears above the Democratic cloakroom. I was shot five times on that airstrip and left to die, but obviously survived, and committed the rest of my life to public service.

In fact, I have the record here in Congress of being the Member who had the longest stretch between the time they first ran for Congress, which was 29 years before I was elected the second time.

What I know is this: We are specks in the timeline of history—few will remember us, but they will remember events. The corridor to the Members' dining room on the House side shows a mural of L'Enfant choosing the site for the U.S. Capitol, then President Washington is seen actually laying the cornerstone, and then in 1814 the British burning the Capitol, and then the Rotunda being used to house Union soldiers as a medical center.

There is one more mural that has to be placed in that corridor. It is the mural of January 6.

What will we do to prevent another one? That is the challenge to all of us.

What will we do to lower the rhetorical temperature in this sanctuary of democracy?

Will we ever end the blood sport that goes on in this Chamber?

Above us on the ceiling is the eagle with the words *e pluribus unum*: Out of many, one. It is our duty to our constituents, not to our Facebook audience or Twitter followers. It is not our goal to increase our followers. It is our duty to increase the confidence of our constituents in democracy in getting things done.

Madam Speaker, I hope the 118th Congress will do what I was not able to do in 10 years and get the ERA into the Constitution of the United States; it is 24 words. Every democracy in the world has an ERA in their constitution but the United States.

I hope that we will restore the right to reproductive autonomy for every woman.

I hope that we will do what we should do and pass an assault weapons ban. Surely, we can prohibit the purchase of these weapons of war by teenagers.

We should make permanent the child tax credit; we lifted half of the children in this country out of poverty last year when we did that.

We have got to do a better job of providing for our servicemen and service-women.

Madam Speaker, I have had an extraordinary staff these almost 15 years.

They make me sound smarter than I am, more articulate than I am. They work long hours to move legislation. They plan conferences in the district for senior citizens, job seekers, students, and all the many, many town-halls we have had.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the names of former staff members. They are the heroes and heroes of this institution.

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Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I thank my constituents for the greatest opportunity of my life—to serve them.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KAHELE) at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Come Lord, our Redeemer; quickly come. Send Your spirit, Your spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, that this world of pain and sadness, of war and dissension, would find peace and joy in the knowledge of You, O Lord, our God.

In the dark streets of our war-torn world, the alleys of our crime-ravaged cities, on the aisles of our divided Nation, shine Your everlasting light.

Dare we hope that after 300 days of the violence and suffering in Ukraine that You would cause the wolf to dwell with the lamb?

In the randomness of horror pillaging the towns and cities of our own country, will You tame the leopard to lie down alongside the goat?

Can the calf and the lion in our own house dwell in harmony?

Lead us, O God, to this most holy moment, that we not just dare to believe, but that we would be compelled to play our part in establishing Your peace in our world, in our Nation, and in this place.

Savior, like a shepherd lead us. We pray in Your name for our redemption. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING IN JOINT MEETING HIS EXCELLENCY VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY, PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time today, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. ROSA L. DELAURIO TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE 117TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker: